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B. WARSAW 1612, C. WARSAW 1954, D. MUNICH 0881

1. SUMMARY. WE HAVE OBTAINED A COPY OF "AN APPEAL TO POLISH SOCIETY," DATED MARCH 25, WHICH, COMBINED WITH THE SUBSEQUENT

PUBLIC PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF A "MOVEMENT IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND THE CITIZEN", HAS COMPLICATED THE

PROBLEMS OF THE GIEREK LEADERSHIP IN HANDLING DOMESTIC CRITICS. AN UNUSUALLY QUICK AND AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSE WAS PROVIDED IN A TRYBUNA

LUDU EDITORIAL PUBLISHED MARCH 28. ALTHOUGH SHARP IN TONE AND LANGUAGE, THE EDITORIAL IS NONETHELESS DEFENSIVE AND GIVES LITTLE

INDICATION HOW THE POLISH AUTHORITIES WILL DEAL WITH
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THIS NEW GROUPING OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. END SUMMARY.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE "APPEAL TO POLISH SOCIETY", DATED MARCH 25 AND SIGNED BY EIGHTEEN PEOPLE WHO CLAIM

TO REPRESENT A "STRONG SOCIAL CURRENT" IN POLAND, RATHER THAN "ANY ORGANIZATION OR SOCIETY". THE APPEAL DESCRIBES THE TRADITIONS OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN POLAND, WITH

SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON GOP ENDORSEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AGREEMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE SIGNERS DECLARE

THEIR INTENTION TO: A) MONITOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN POLAND, B) PUBLICIZE INSTANCES WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS ARE

VIOLATED, C) WORK FOR CHANGES IN POLISH LAW WHICH WOULD PROMOTE A "REAL AND UNBREAKABLE GUARANTEE" OF HUMAN RIGHTS; (D) PUBLICIZE

THE NEED FOR ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO ADHERE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND, (E) COOPERATE WITH ALL INTER-

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICU-
LARLY THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE SIGNERS CALL FOR

THE ASSISTANCE OF ALL POLISH CITIZENS IN SUPPLYING INFORMATION
FOR THESE PURPOSES AND CONCLUDE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CAN BE PRE-

SERVED ONLY WHEN EVERYONE ACTIVELY DEMANDS THAT THEY BE RESPECTED.

3. THE APPEAL IS SIGNED BY THREE MEMBERS OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE
LEAGUE, ANTONI PAJDAK, FATHER JAN ZIEJA, AND WOJCIECH ZIEMBINSKI,

AS WELL AS LEADERS OF THE "MOVEMENT OF POLISH DEMOCRATS", KAROL
GLOGOWSKI AND ZBIGNIEW SEKULSKI (REF A). A COPY OF THE APPEAL IS

BEING FORWARDED TO EUR/EE.

4. THE EDITOR-IN CHIEF OF TRYBUNA LUDU, JOZEF BARECKI, SHARPLY

ATTACKED THE MOVEMENT IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ANTI-POLISH
ACTIVITY--ANOTHER EPISODE" IN TRYBUNA LUDU OF MARCH 28,

FOLLOWING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 26 CALLED BY PAJDAK.
BARECKI CHARACTERIZES THE SIGNERS AS "THE SAME LITTLE GROUP OF

PEOPLE WHO FOR MONTHS HAVE BEEN AGITATING AND SUPPLYING ANTI-
POLISH AMMUNITION TO ENEMY PROPAGANDA CENTERS ABROAD." HE SAYS

THAT OTHER SIGNERS, PEOPLE "TOSSED ASIDE BY HISTORY", HAVE
APPEARED OUT OF THE NATIONAL "WAX MUSEUM". BARECKI DEVOTES THE

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BULK OF HIS ARTICLE TO ALLEGED EXAMPLES OF HUMAN-RIGHTS VIOLATION
IN THE WEST, AMONG THEM RACISM, SOCIAL DISCRIMINATION, CRIME,

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE, AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WITH RADIO BROADCASTS. HE SPECIFICALLY

SINGLES OUT THE US, CHARGING THAT "THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SOLVE
THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS STARTING AT HOME." HE CONCLUDES

THAT THE ESSENCE OF THE "APPEAL" IS "UNEQUIVOCALLY ANTI-POLISH."

5. TRYBUNA LUDU OF MARCH 28 ALSO CARRIED THE TEXT OF A SPEECH
GIVEN BY PREMIER PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ AT CEREMONIES HONORING THE

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THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF GENERAL KAROL WALTER-
SWIERCZEWSKI. JAROSZEWICZ DENIED THAT POLAND'S DIFFICULTIES WERE

DUE TO ANY "STRUCTURAL DEFORMATIES". IN AN APPARENT
REFERENCE TO DISSIDENT GROUPS, HE CHARGED THAT ONLY THE WEAK

OF SPIRIT OR ENEMIES FAIL TO ACKNOWLEDGE POLISH ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
ADDING, "UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE SUCH PEOPLE HERE, FEW BUT NOISY.

SOME OF THEM SEEK SUPPORT IN CENTERS IN THE WEST INIMICAL TO
POLAND...OUR SOCIETY EVALUATES SUCH PEOPLE IN THE WAY THEY
DESERVE."

6. COMMENT. THE SWIFT POLISH PRESS ATTACK OF THE "MOVEMENT IN

DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND THE CITIZEN" CONTRASTS WITH THE
DELIBERATE, LOW-KEY RESPONSE OF OFFICIALS TO OTHER PROTEST

MOVEMENTS FOLLOWING THE JUNE, 1976, EVENTS. WE, AND UNDOUBTEDLY
THE POLISH AUTHORITIES, HAVE KNOWN AT LEAST SINCE DECEMBER OF THE

FORMATION OF HUMAN-RIGHTS GROUPS IN A NUMBER OF POLISH CITIES, BUT
THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW MOVEMENT WAS EVIDENTLY TIMED
BY ITS FOUNDERS TO COINCIDE WITH SECRETARY VANCE'S ARRIVAL IN

MOSCOW. THE OSTENSIBLE STIMULUS FOR THE APPEAL IS GOP RATIFICA-
TION ON MARCH 3 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND

POLITICAL RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMICS,
SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS (REF B).

7. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE DEBATED

BROADENING ITS MANDATE TO INCLUDE HUMAN-RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (REF C).
RECENTLY, IT ABANDONED THIS CONCEPT AS INCONSISTENT WITH THE

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ORIGINALLY STATED GOALS OF THE ORGANIZATION. A PART OF THE WDL,
EAGER TO CONTINUE ACTIVITY AS THE JUNE EVENTS BECOME HISTORY,
EVIDENTLY DECIDED TO JOIN WITH OTHER ACTIVISTS TO FORM THE NEW

MOVEMENT. THE FORMAT OF THE FIRST APPEAL, LISTING ADDRESSES OF
THE SIGNERS AND REQUESTING COOPERATION AND INFORMATION IS A PAGE

OUT OF THE WDL BOOK.

8. THE RAPID AND HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE NEW
DISSIDENT INITIATIVE COULD INDICATE NOTHING MORE THAN A DECISION

TO FIGHT A PUBLICITY ORIENTED MOVEMENT WITH MORE PUBLICITY.
ON THE OTHER HAND, PRESSURE IS BUILDING UP ON THE LEADERSHIP TO

TAKE A HARDER STAND AGAINST DISSIDENTS. THE APPARENTLY SUDDEN
VISIT OF GUSTAV HUSAK TO POLAND, AS ANNOUNCED IN A SHORT TRYBUNA

LUDU ITEM ON MARCH 28, LED A POLISH JOURNALIST TO TELL AN EMBASSY
OFFICER THAT THE POLISH LEADERSHIP IS BEING PRESSURED BY ITS

NEIGHBORS TO BEAR DOWN ON DISSIDENT VOICES. HIS VIEW IS THAT
GIEREK DOES NOT WISH TO DO THIS, BUT MAY HAVE TO IF POLISH

DISSIDENCE APPEARS TO FEED CRITICISM IN THE GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
END COMMENT.
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